

The Customs Tariff.

By many persons in this colony the question of tariff has been regarded as that which, of all others, presents the most serious difficulties in the way of Confederation. Hence the varied attempts, in dealing with the scheme of Confederation during last session, to hit upon some plan by which the supposed ill effects of the application of the Dominion tariff to this colony might possibly be averted. With this purpose in view one party went the length of asking the Dominion to concede to British Columbia the absolute right to have a separate and distinct tariff of its own, and to deal with that tariff as a constitutional right. A second party approached the subject with, perhaps, a little more moderation, yet with scarcely more reason, and asked Canada to concede the right to levy and collect any tax or taxes on the sales of foreign produce and manufactures entering for home consumption, equal in amount to the duties of Customs now levied and collected on the same,—vide Mr De Cosmès' resolution, 22nd March. A third party approached the subject in a way which we think was less open to objection on constitutional grounds, and simply proposed that the Dominion Government be asked to withhold the extension of the Canadian tariff to this colony for a specified period after union—say, until the completion of overland railway communication,—vide Mr. Robson's resolution of 23rd March. Upon these various grounds the whole question of tariff was very fully discussed in the Legislative Council. The position taken up by those who espoused the third and last mentioned proposition was that, while the Customs tariff of the Dominion was essentially and preeminently a Federal measure, to deal with which no Provincial Government could hope to acquire a constitutional right, yet the Canadian Government might consent to the postponement of the extension of that tariff to British Columbia during such reasonable period as would enable the colony to become a fitting subject for its operations. This was the position taken by the present writer, both in this journal and in the House; and it is some gratification to find that the sequel has tended to demonstrate its correctness. Turning to the Act constituting the new Province of Manitoba, we find the following provision: "The Customs duties now by law chargeable in Rupert's Land shall be continued with increase for the period of three years from and after the passing of this Act, and the proceeds of such duties shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada." In reference to the words "with increase," it may be necessary to explain that the Customs duties of Rupert's Land are now levied at the rate of 5 per cent. *ad valorem*, and it is intended that they shall be gradually approximated to the Dominion tariff. Here we find the principle which we advocated in regard to British Columbia distinctly recognized. Referring to what more nearly concerns this colony, we are in a position to state that, although the resolution moved by Mr. Robson was voted down in the Legislative Council, yet the principle enunciated therein has received practical recognition at the hands of the Ottawa Cabinet, as being the only concession in regard to the Customs tariff that could consistently be made. It has been agreed between the Dominion Cabinet and the Government of British Columbia that it shall be left to the Legislative Council of the latter, about to be convened under the new constitution, to choose between the retention of the existing British Columbia tariff for a certain specified period and the immediate application of the Dominion tariff, and in the event of the local legislature deciding in favor of the former proposition, the Canadian Government agrees to postpone for a specified period after union the application of the Federal tariff to this colony. To our mind it by no means follows that the colony will avail itself of this provision in order to evade for a time the operations of the Dominion tariff. It is enough for our present purpose that the choice is to be presented. It will now become a question of very great importance to compare the two tariffs thus about to be submitted to the free choice of the colony and arrive at an intelligent conclusion as to which of them promises the greatest benefit, or, if the reader prefer it, the least injury to British Columbia. In doing this it must be borne in mind that a retention of the existing tariff will not necessarily carry with it the right to alter that tariff. That is a right which we fear Canada cannot be expected to concede to any province, and for very obvious reasons. The choice will, therefore, lie between the retention of the British Columbia tariff, as existing at present, during a certain period, and the acceptance of the Dominion tariff subject to Federal legislation. It will be important to keep these points in view in order to arrive at an intelligent conclusion; for, if the choice were between the Canadian tariff and our present one, with power to make whatever alterations and modifications in the latter we might think proper the case would be greatly different. We have already hinted that it is a matter of doubt whether the colony will prefer its present tariff to the Canadian one. The present writer has been accused of a great many things in connection with the tariff question of which he is per-

fectly innocent. Only the other day a journal published on the Mainland accused him of having been a consistent opponent of the farmers; of having advocated free port at Victoria till the force of public opinion compelled him to relinquish the subject, and of rejoicing at the probable extension of the Canadian tariff to this colony, which would be equally mischievous. It would scarcely appear to be necessary to offer a word in refutation of charges so utterly groundless and wanton. The whole journalistic and Legislative career of the accused is a standing contradiction of the first. The circumstance of a second paper recently started in this city being compelled by the force of public opinion to adopt the free port theory precisely as advocated in this journal, will constitute a sufficiently conclusive answer to the second; while a reply to the third will be found in the fact that both in the Legislative Council and in these columns the accused strenuously advocated what has proved to be the only true remedy. This much we will admit, that we have never regarded the application of the Canadian tariff as being so fraught with evil as some persons appear to think it. Endeavoring to look at the question in the light of the entire colony, in all its varied interests, we have been enabled to discover in the Canadian tariff very important compensating advantages, forming in the aggregate no mean set-off to its unquestionably objectionable features. Remembering that under it, with Confederation and the free entry of all the productions and manufactures of the Dominion, the consumer would be relieved of fully one moiety of the taxation now paid in the form of duties, and bearing in mind that all revenues derived from the Customs duties would go into the Federal Treasury, we have been led to believe that, like most questions, this one has two sides, to both of which the colonists would do well to give due consideration. While we have ever regarded the agricultural interests as being of the very first importance, and, therefore, entitled to paramount consideration, we could not permit ourselves wholly to forget that there are other interests; and that assured prosperity and well-doing will be best attained when all the interests of the colony receive their due share of recognition, and go on hand in hand. It is true that if the agricultural interests were swept away all the others would be of little account. But it is also true that if all the other interests were blotted out agriculture would scarcely flourish. In dealing with a subject like the present, it is especially important that a standpoint should be sought sufficiently elevated to take in a view of the whole colony, with all its varied interests; for if the matter be regarded from a mere class or district point of view we shall be wrangling all our lives, and finally have to refer to Ottawa what we could never settle ourselves. In this very reflection will be found one of the strongest arguments in favor of making the Customs tariff a Federal question.

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LIABILITIES: Notes in Circulation, \$97,164 00; Balances due to other Banks and Branches, 25,317 62; Deposits not bearing interest, \$91,97 00; Deposits bearing interest, 30,232 00; Total amount of Liabilities, \$250,319 97.

ASSETS: Legal Tender Coin in Gold and Silver, \$114,980 13; Gold and Silver Bullion, 42,236 35; Landed and other Property, 63,792 12; Balances due from other Banks and Branches, 49,514 66; All debts due to the Bank, including Notes, Bills of Exchange and all stock and Funded Debts of every description, excepting Notes, Bills, and Balances due from other Banks and Branches, \$18,936 62; Total amount of Assets, \$308,749 88.

Amount of Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ending 30 June, 1870, \$1,400,000; Rate of last dividend declared to the Shareholders, 6 3/4 cent per annum; Amount of last dividend declared, \$27,350 00; Amount of reserved profit at time of declaring such dividend, \$20,860 00; (Signed) WM. C. WARD, Manager, CHAS. S. JONES, Accountant.

VICTORIA, B. C., 30th June, 1870.

I, William Curtis Ward, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing Statement is a true and faithful account of the average amount of the Assets and Liabilities within this Colony, of this Bank, during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the weekly statements thereof, kept in pursuance of the provisions of "The Banking Act, 1864."

(Signed) WM. C. WARD, Manager.

Declared before me at Victoria, B. C., this 1st day of July, 1870.

(Signed) A. F. PEMBERTON, S. M.

Schedule B.

GENERAL ABSTRACT showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets within the Colony of British Columbia, of the Bank of British North America, taken from the usual Weekly Statements during the Quarter from 1st March, to 30th June, 1870.

LIABILITIES: Notes in circulation, not bearing interest, \$118,594 00; Notes in circulation, bearing interest, 10,139 00; Bills in circulation, not bearing interest, 27,223 00; Bills in circulation, bearing interest, 15,249 00; Balances due to other Banks and Branches, 15,249 00; Deposits, not bearing interest, \$39,991 00; Deposits, bearing interest, 182,170 00; Total amount of Liabilities, \$566,312 00.

ASSETS: Legal Tender Coin, in Gold and Silver, \$185,179 86; Gold and Silver, 10,139 00; Landed and other Property, 27,223 00; Notes and Bills of other Banks, 27,223 00; Balances due from other Banks and Branches, 227,425 00; Amount of all Debts due to the Bank, including Notes, Bills of Exchange and all stock and Funded Debts of every description, excepting Notes, Bills and Balances due from other Banks and Branches, \$215,803 00; Total amount of Assets, \$674,774 86.

Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended 30th of June, 1870, \$2,000,000 00; Amount of last dividend declared to the Shareholders, 7 1/2 cent per annum; Amount of last dividend declared, \$200,000 00; Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such dividend, 744,000 00; (Signed) HENRY AYTUZO, Manager, ROBERT BURRILL, Accountant.

VICTORIA, B. C., 30th June, 1870.

I, Henry Aytuzo, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing abstract is a true and faithful account of the average amount of the Assets and Liabilities within this Colony of the above Bank, during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the Weekly Statements thereof, kept in pursuance of the provisions of "The Banking Act, 1864."

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